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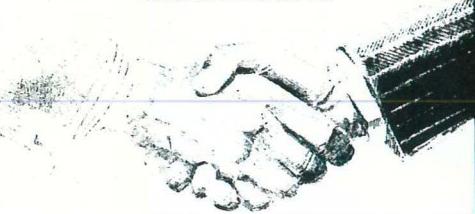
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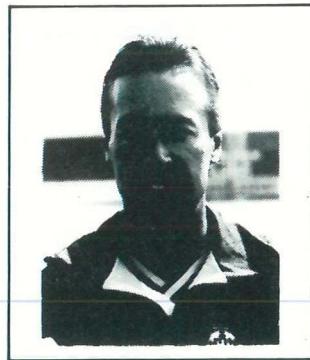
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TONY DENNIS celebrates after scoring the only goal against Exeter.

Photo: Cyrus Daboo

## FROM THE BENCH

After the frustrating defeat up at Bury last Saturday, it was nice to bounce straight back with a victory over Chester City on Monday night. Two goals from John Taylor clinched the victory in a game where we were by far the better side, completely overpowering Chester.



At the time of writing these notes we are due to travel up to Tranmere where we hope to obtain maximum points in what is the first of three crucial 'six-pointers' in the space of a week. The Easter period could prove to be very important as both Tranmere and Bolton are in the promotion frame and with next Saturday's game against Grimsby another top-of-the-table clash, it could prove to be very interesting.

Those of you who travelled to Burnden Park will recall a great comeback by the lads just before Christmas. That marked a spell of four games from which we collected ten points. We will need a similar battling performance tonight against Phil Neal's side who have won their way into a promotion place.

Everyone keeps talking on the terrace about winning promotion but that word is banned in the dressing room. We take every game one at a time and fans must bear in mind that while the lads will give 100% for the cause, we still have the worst fixture backlog in the League and will only complete our games in hand in the final week of the season. Like last year, April will be 'make or break' — your support will make the difference.

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2.	11,406	West Ham Utd.	Division 2	7 Apr. 79
3.	10,998	Peterborough Utd.	Division 3	2 Jan 78
4.	10,834	Sheffield Wed.	FA Cup 5th Rd.	19 Feb 83
5.	10,602	Chelsea	Division 2	11 Feb 84
6.	10,542	Mansfield Town	Division 4	28 Apr. 73
7.	10,171	Coventry City	League Cup 4th Rd. rep.	4 Nov. 80
8.	10,100	Sunderland	Division 2	21 Apr. 79
9.	10,084	Crystal Palace	FA Cup 6th Rd.	10 Mar 90
10.	10,033	Tottenham H.	Littlewoods C. 4th Rd.	26 Nov. 86
11.	9,879	Newcastle Utd.	Division 2	30 Apr. 83
12.	9,796	Bristol City	FA Cup 5th Rd. rep.	21 Feb. 90
13.	9,698	Wrexham	Division 3	25 Apr. 78
14.	9,624	Sheffield Wed.	FA Cup 5th Rd.	16 Feb. 91
15.	9,591	Millwall	FA Cup 4th Rd. rep.	30 Jan. 90
16.	9,558	Derby County	Division 2	16 Aug. 80
17.	9,474	Chelsea	Division 2	13 Sep. 80
18.	9,231	Sheffield Wed.	Division 2	24 Jan. 81
19.	9,047	Bristol City	FA Cup 5th rd. 2nd rep.	27 Feb. 90
20.	8,893	Ipswich Town	Littlewoods Cup 3rd Rd.	28 Oct. 86

Cambridge United's all-time record attendance at the Abbey Stadium is 14,000 for the friendly match against Chelsea on May 1st 1970.

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The lowest attendance at The Abbey for a first class match was 826 in the Freight Rover Trophy game versus Aldershot in Jan. 1986.

The lowest attendance for a League match at home was set on 30th April 1985 when just 1,235 turned up to witness the Division Three match against Lincoln City.

## JON SHEFFIELD

With the suspension of John Vaughan and injury to new signing Steve Berryman, John Beck moved quickly to sign Jon Sheffield on loan until the end of the season.

*'Coventry City was always my favourite team and Jim Blyth was my hero, but I was signed by Ken Brown the Norwich City boss. I had offers from Wolves and Sheffield United but Norwich City were the Club I decided was for me. I have been at City for six years and have made one first team appearance in 1989 v Aston Villa at Carrow Road, it was a League game and Bryan Gunn was suspended. We drew 2-2 but I was dropped for the next game.'*

*I've had some great times including four tours to Holland, France, Spain and Scandinavia. I also had a couple of spells on loan at Aldershot, it was a good experience, they were a good set of lads and Len Walker (the Manager), was very helpful. One game I remember was the 6-1 victory over Hartlepool, I also played in the 2-2 draw at the Abbey. I have also been on loan to Ipswich to cover for Craig Forrest*

*I was happy with my performance on my debut for Cambridge v Brentford, I was pleased with keeping a clean sheet and I felt we were unlucky not to score; we deserved the points. These are a great bunch of lads and we have an excellent chance of promotion. As for the Bury game – the referee was diabolical.*

*I always give 100%, my contract runs out at the end of the season so at the moment my future looks uncertain.'*

Jon Sheffield was interviewed by Malcolm Dixon

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# Secretary's Notes

After what seems like a lifetime, the fixtures have been slotted in, with the Shrewsbury away game losing its 'TBA' tag. It will be played on Thursday, 18th April, 7.30 p.m., kick off at Gay Meadow. I hope that doesn't prove an awkward night to travel on for those of you who follow the team everywhere they go. Equally, I hope you'll understand that John Beck has been hoping we could keep the final run in at three games in eight days. Rotherham away, and the two home fixtures provides us with a good opportunity for a finish with a flourish. The target, following the Arsenal F.A. Cup tie, was twelve wins out of nineteen games. Five games later (at the time of writing) that now reads nine from fourteen — still attainable, but with a whole bunch of teams in with a shout it could 'go to the wire' as they say in the press box.

Gary Clayton's recall caught a few people by surprise — me included! We implemented the 24 hour loan recall clause in the League Regulations, which allowed Gary to take his place on the subs bench at Posh on Wednesday, 20th March and then to come back here in time to travel for the Bury game. The loan signing of Jonathan Sheffield was completed with 20 minutes to spare — thanks to the fax machine. Makes you wonder how clubs managed in the good old days of racing up to Lythan St. Annes to register by

hand.

The Wigan Athletic game will likely be played in front of Wigan's smallest crowd of the season — unless we take a huge following with us! Wigan Rugby League Club clinched their place at Wembley a week last Saturday — so Wigan will be like a ghost town on 27th April. The trivia link with today's game is that Wigan's semi-final win over Oldham was played at Burnden Park which has hosted several top Rugby League games.

Congratulations are in order to (i) Marc Hayes, on captaining the Welsh Youth side against Belgium earlier this month, (ii) to Fergus O'Donoghue for his call-up to the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad.

The away following at Bury recently, numbered 323. Not so many at Macclesfield's Moss Road Ground for the Chester City game though — but the usual bus load of away travel members were there. I'll close today with a tale I heard from Mike Potts, the Secretary of Stoke City. When Stoke went to the Moss Rose, the crowd was around 3,000, over 2,000 of which were Stoke fans. The tannoy announcer at the end of the game asked the HOME fans to wait behind while the crowd dispersed!

There'll be a big following from Bolton tonight — don't be outshouted!

STEVE GREENALL

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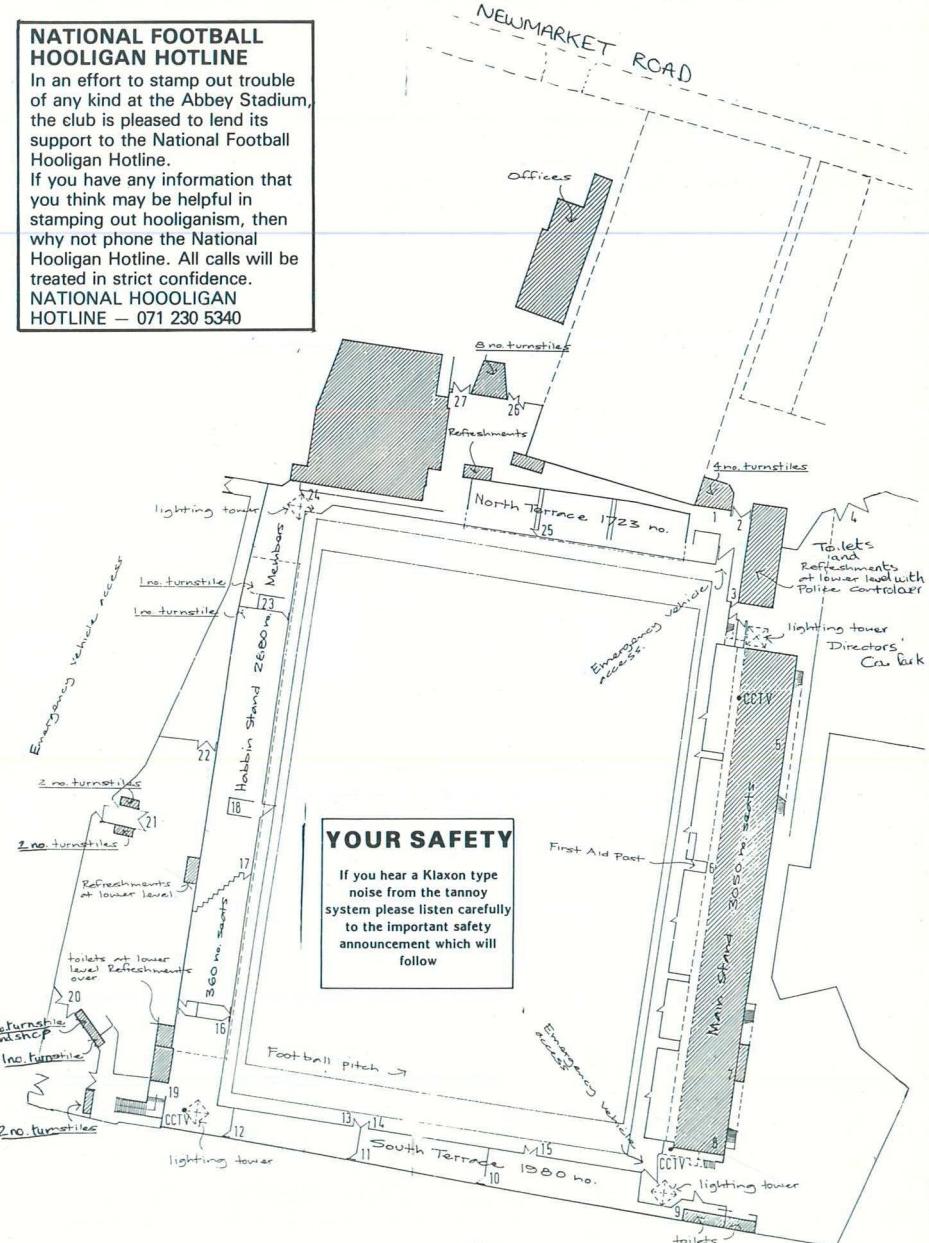
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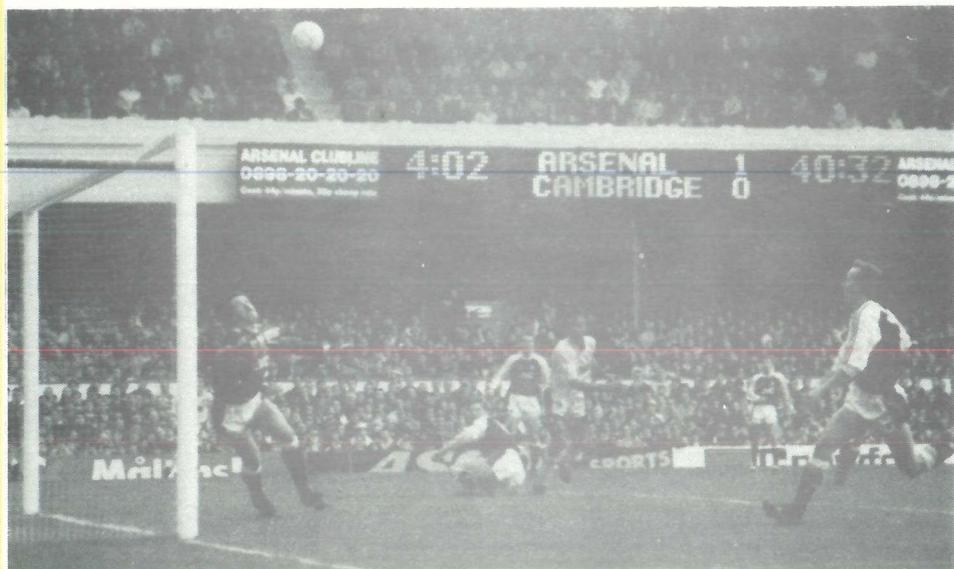
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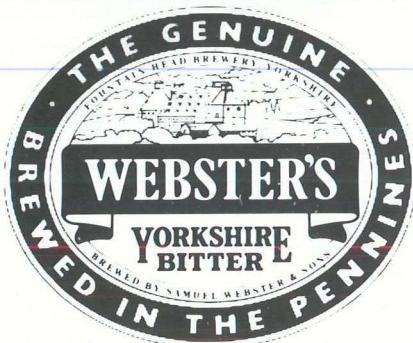


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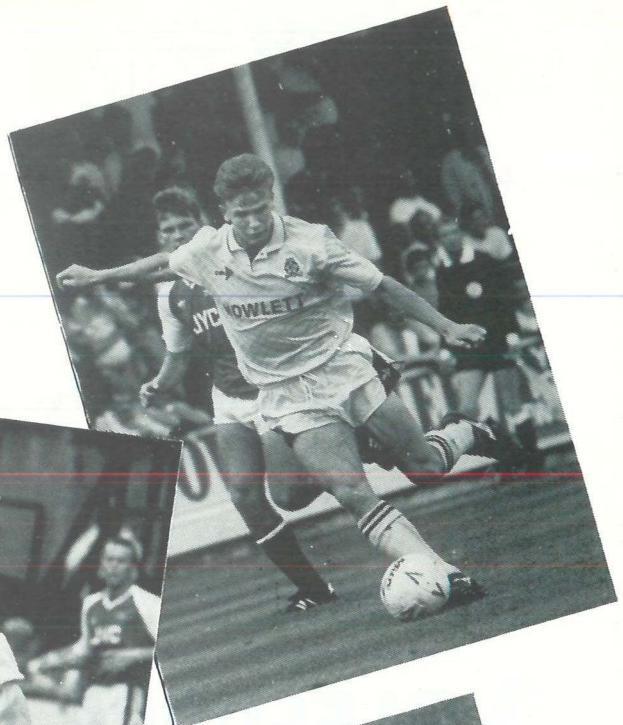


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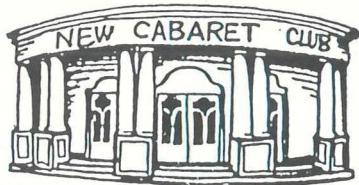
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As well as having a fairly successful season in the League and FA Cup, we are also enjoying a reasonable season in the Wendy Fair Capital League. The majority of the games are played on Wednesday evenings with a 7.30 p.m. kick off, with the side being made up of a mixture of players with first team

experience and the Youth team players. Our last game was on the 20th March against Wokingham at the Abbey with the side including Steve Claridge, Lee Philpott, Steve Berryman and Fergus O'Donoghue. We won the game 4-1 with the goals coming from Steve Claridge who scored twice, Mark Dobie and the other being an own goal! It was also pleasing to see members of the Youth team stepping up to Reserve team level and performing remarkably well.

We have four remaining home games in the Wendy Fair Capital League and it would be nice to see a few more faces at these fixtures as it is always appreciated by the players, especially the younger members of the team. We are currently lying in the top five and hope we can improve on this position despite the clubs' three sides playing a total of 26 matches in the remaining six weeks of the season. Enjoy the game.

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Approaching the usual busy Easter programme, I am hoping that we will have a full squad of players fit for selection, apart from Liam Daish who unfortunately we feel will have to undergo an operation on his back in the very near future. With the conditions that Liam has they usually resolve themselves after a three month rest, but I am afraid that this is not the case with Liam. Therefore, the next course of action is an operation to fuse the two fractured bones together.

In the past I have encountered players such as Graham Rix and Liam Brady who had very much the same problem in their early days and needless to say they made a complete recovery but without an operation and I am sure this will be the case with Liam. It is always difficult to keep players going when they have been told to rest for three months and the less they do the better the recovery.

Liam has been an excellent example by keeping his weight down and by keeping as fit as the condition would allow.

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## Camb Utd. 0 Fulham 0

United Youths (at present renamed 'babies') continued their good recent form with a hard fought draw with Fulham. Our visitors fielded ten boys of eighteen year of age. We played six that are yet to leave school! However, the passion and aggression our boys are showing meant that our goalkeeper had no shots to save all game. Schoolboy Mark Baker marked Fulham's England Youth left winger out of the game whilst strikers Rowett and Catchpole (another schoolboy) caused the Fulham defence endless problems.

This weekend we look forward to two games, Southend in the League on Saturday, and our annual match against F.C. MEYRIN from Geneva, Switzerland on Sunday morning.

GRAHAM SCARFF



## Players' View

The long run-in has started and injuries as well as suspensions are creeping in. This is the last thing we need as the squad has already taken a battering with both Liam Daish and Michael Cook looking as if they may have to write this season off and Colin Bailie and Andy Fensome not yet ready to start full time training. At this stage of any season a good squad comes into its own and we are lucky to have players who can fit into the team very easily — as has been proved in recent weeks.

Easter used to be a time when promotion and relegation was thought to be won or lost. I don't think this is true, as it is now like any other weekend of the season. The points are no less important and for us with fixtures against Tranmere (last Friday) and Bolton tonight, they may be considered to be vital.

Promotion is won over 46 games (or 49 if through the Play-offs) and we will be taking each one as it

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PHIL CHAPPLE



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JOHN HOLMES

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## Problems for Reading Euro Disgrace

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The bulk of the damages were awarded to former Sergeant David Cunningham, who had to retire on medical grounds, six months later. He received £258,618 after being hit by a piece of concrete on the back of the neck and then was kicked and punched by some 'supporters'. Costs estimated at £50,000 have also to be paid, these will come from the League's Public Liability Insurance Policy. All clubs are covered by this, but it will mean almost certainly that premiums will increase!! Reading are considering an appeal. Chairman since December, John Madejski is obviously very concerned with his club already having a £600,000 overdraft, and currently losing an estimated £14,000 a week! Mike Lewis Readings Managing Director, said he was bitter because no damages were awarded against the Police for negligence and because 'the supporters who caused the trouble came from Bristol City and they have got away with this scot-free'.

Regular readers of this column may have heard the name of Silvio Berlusconi, the A.C. Milan President before, he was the prime mover of the idea of a European Super League, however a couple of weeks ago he had to eat humble pie, after his team disgracefully refused to continue after the infamous floodlight failure against Marseille. I wonder what the Gullit gangs' reaction would have been if they had been 1-0 up!! History was also made on the same night when for the first time European Cup game was abandoned due to crowd trouble. Remember they even played on after the Heysel disaster!! Looking at the video again, I can't understand why the Dynamo Dresden fans were not put behind the goal. I reckon even Geoff Capes couldn't have thrown a sugar cube onto the pitch from there!!

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## Division Three Scene

With Easter coming earlier than in recent seasons, and the transfer deadline with its usual frantic activity on Thursday of last week, a great deal has changed in the last week.

Swansea City are the latest club to change manager, with Frank Burrows replacing Terry Yorath at the Vetch Field. Huddersfield's 1-0 defeat at Leyton Orient ten days ago was another illustration of the fine dividing line in the League. Nugents winning goal ended a drought for the Brisbane Road club which lasted 425 minutes, while it was Huddersfield's first defeat in 14 matches. Meanwhile on the matter of statistics, David Lee's hat trick for Bury against us at Gigg Lane the same day was the ninth scored in the Division this season, while a total of 36 goals were scored on the pre-Easter weekend.

Finally, did Brentford set some sort of record in their recent home games? They lost 4-0 at home to Stoke one week, and then beat Bradford City 6-1 the next.

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J. CASSIDY, 5

v Sheffield Utd., FA Cup, 1890

TONY CADWELL, 5

v Walsall, Div. III, 1983

*Goalscorer in a Season:*

JOE SMITH, 38, 1920-21

*Total Aggregate League Goals:*

NAT LOFTHOUSE, 255, 1946-61

*League Position:*

3rd, Div. I, 1891-92

3rd, Div. I, 1920-21

3rd Div. I, 1924-25

*League Points:*

61, Div. III, 1974-75

*League Goals:*

96, Div. II, 1934-35

*League Victory:*

13-0 v Sheffield Utd., 1890

8-0 v Barnsley, Div. II, 1934

*League Defeat:*

0-7 v Manchester City, 1936

*Most Consecutive League Wins:* 11 — 1904

*Most Consecutive League Defeats:* 10 — 1902-03

*Attendance:* 69,912

v Manchester City, 1933

*Receipts:* £53,931

v Everton, League Cup, Semi-final, 2nd Leg 1977

*Ground Capacity (Modern):* 27,500

*Last Seasons Final League Position:*

5th, Div. III.

*Most Capped Player:*

NAT LOFTHOUSE, 33, England

*Previous Managers since 1946:*

Walter Rowley, Bill Riddings, Nat Lofthouse,

Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Nat Lofthouse,

Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves, Stan Anderson,

George Mulhall, John McGovern, Charlie Wright,

*Present Manager:* PHIL NEAL

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## 1990-91



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*Middle Row (left to right): Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (Coach).*

*Front Row (left to right): Ewan Simpson (Physiotherapist), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach).*

### SHERPA VAN TROPHY WINNERS — MAY 1989

## This Season...

After the disappointment of losing 1-3 on aggregate to Notts. County in the Play-off Semi-Finals last season, our visitors this evening will be looking to secure an automatic promotion spot this time around. Although a twenty match plus unbeaten run has lifted Wanderers to third place in the table, the side has faulted in recent weeks with defeats against Mansfield 0-4, Bury 1-2 and last week Exeter 1-2.

On their travels Bolton won at Birmingham 3-1, Reading 1-0, Preston 2-1, Fulham 1-0, Grimsby 1-0, Chester 2-0, Orient 1-0 and Shrewsbury 1-0. Draws have been gained at Tranmere, Bradford, Southend and Bury. Progress was made to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, however neighbours Manchester United proved too strong with a late Mark Hughes goal dividing the sides at Old Trafford. Bolton were knocked out of the Rumbelows Cup by Coventry in the Second Round after disposing of Huddersfield 5-1 on aggregate in the First Round.

Manager PHIL NEAL has been in charge at Burnden Park since 1985 and has taken the club twice to Wembley. Phil began his playing career at Northampton before moving to Anfield where he made 455 League appearances winning all the games major honours. Phil was capped by England on 50 occasions between 1976 and 1984.

Goalkeeper DAVID FELGATE commenced his career with the Wanderers but failed to make a League

appearance before being sold to Lincoln City for a £25,000 fee. Whilst at Sincil Bank he won his only Welsh International Cap and in February 1987 returned to Bolton from Grimsby Town for £15,000. Has made 200 appearances for Wanderers.

PHIL BROWN (Fullback). Club captain, who has been an ever present in the side for the past two seasons since his £17,000 move from Halifax Town. He made 135 League appearances for the Yorkshire Club after playing over 200 times for his first club Hartlepool United.

BARRY CORNDRILL (Fullback/Midfield). Began his League career with West Bromwich Albion who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield Town. He moved to Burnden two seasons ago after 131 games for Albion and was last seasons 'Player of the Year'.

MARK WINSTANLEY (Defender). A home grown player who made his debut in 1986. Became a regular in the side two years later and has now over 100 appearances to his credit. His consistent performances have been a feature that have attracted the attention of some First Division clubs.

TONY PHILLISKIRKS (Forward). Last season's leading goalscorer after his close season £50,000 move to Burnden from Preston North End. Began his career with Sheffield United, making 60 appearances before moving to Oldham in July 1988 where he spent only seven months. Scored 23 League and Cup goals last season.

MARK CAME (Defender). Joined Wanderers from non-League Winsford United in 1984. Became a regular twelve months later but a broken leg in 1988 kept him out of the game for a long period. Forced his way back

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into the team last season and popped up with some important goals in the marathon Cup tie against Swindon Town.

JULIAN DARBY (Midfield). A product of the clubs youth policy who has proved to be a versatile member of the squad since making his debut in 1986. Over 150 appearances for his home town club and was an ever present last term in which he scored twelve goals.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield). The clubs longest serving professional having made his debut in November 1982. Came through the youth ranks and has since played over 300 games in three Divisions of the Football League.

PAUL COMSTIVE (Midfield). Joined the Wanderers in September 1989 from Burnley after making 82 appearances for the Turf Moor club. Began with Blackburn Rovers and his other clubs include Rochdale (loan), Wigan Athletic and Wrexham.

SCOTT GRANT (Midfield). A £50,000 fee secured the 20 year old from Derby County last March. He failed to appear in the first team at the Baseball Ground but forced his way into the Bolton side in the latter stages of the campaign.

DAVID REAVES (Forward): A tribunal set his fee at £80,000 when he moved to the Wanderers from Sheffield Wednesday last summer. Joined Wednesday from non-League football and subsequently got his first taste of League football in loan spells with Scunthorpe and Burnley.

## NEW SIGNINGS

MARK SEAGRAVES — £100,000 signing from Manchester City in September, can play either centre half or full back — Ex-Liverpool player made 42 appearances at City.

SAMMY LEE — Free transfer from Southampton, former England International, also played for Liverpool and QPR.

MARK PATTERSON — £65,000 signing from Bury in January. Left sided midfield player.

## Club History....

The Trotters were formed in 1874 from boys of the Christ Church Sunday School. Braking away in 1877 the club changed its name to Bolton Wanderers and in 1888 became one of the twelve founder members of the Football League. Playing in the First and Second Divisions of the League until 1911, Bolton established themselves as one of the footballing powers of the country. The club played in the First Division between 1911 and 1964, with a short spell in Division Two between 1933 and 1935. The F.A. Cup was won by Wanderers in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958 and the Club were runners-up in 1894, 1904 and 1953.

More recently the club slipped into the Fourth Division for the first time in its illustrious history for one season, 1987-88, although success has come in the Sherpa Van Trophy over Torquay, 4-1 at Wembley in 1989 in front of 46,513 spectators. In 1986 the club reached Wembley in

the Final of the Freight Rover Trophy losing 0-3 to Bristol City in front of 54,000 spectators.

The Club's complete League career reads:

1898 Div 1; 1899-1900 Div 2; 1900-03 Div 1; 1903-5 Div 2  
1905-08 Div 1, 1908-09 Div 2; 1909-10 Div 1; 1910-11 Div 2;  
1911-33 Div 1; 1933-35 Div 2; 1935-64 Div 1; 1964-71  
Div 2; 1971-73 Div 3; 1973-78 Div 2; 1978-80 Div 1;  
1980-83 Div 2; 1983-87 Div 3; 1987-88 Div 4; 1988- Div 3.

## Previous Encounters...

	Home	Away	
1980-81	2-3	1-6	Div. 2
1981-82	2-1	4-3	Div. 2
1982-83	0-0	0-2	Div. 2
1984-85	2-3	0-0	Div. 3
1987-88	2-2	2-2	Div. 4
1990-91	—	2-2	Div. 3

HOME: P-5 W-1 D-2 L-2 F-8 A-9  
AWAY: P-6 W-1 D-3 L-2 F-9 A-15

United have a good home record against our visitors to the Abbey tonight with only two victories in seven previous League meetings which have spanned the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions. Our only victory at Burnden Park was on 24th October 1981 in a Second Division clash. The Bolton side included former Manchester United and England star Brian Kidd who got on to the score sheet for the home side although goals from Steve Spriggs (penalty), Chris Turner, Roger Gibbons and Joe Mayo sealed a fine 4-3 victory for the U's.

The teams that day were:

UNITED: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, O'Neill, Turner, Christie, Spriggs, Lockhart, Gibbins, Mayo.

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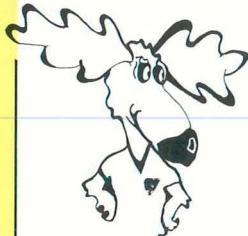
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3.3.91

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Many thanks and good luck for the rest of the season, especially in the FA Cup.

Yours, P. Daniel

59 Histon Road, Cottenham, Cambridge CB4 4UF

Dear Steve,

I have a large collection of Cambridge United programmes from 1976 to 1982 and also scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings from 1976 to 1981. I no longer have room for these so if anyone is interested in having them could they please contact me and I'll be happy to pass them on.

I saw the letter from David Eeles in the Exeter programme (16.3.91) and have written to say that I have the programme he is interested in obtaining.

While I am writing can I please make the following plea. When the club get promotion to Division Two and have to consider ground improvements/relocation could they please consider having more ladies toilets!!! It is very frustrating to have to spend most of the half-time interval queuing up, and on occasion to miss some of the second half. This may seem an unimportant request in view of all the other issues to be considered for ground improvements, but if the club is serious about encouraging families, etc., then it should remember that 'the family' usually includes a lady member! Thank you. I was delighted to see that the club took up my suggestion of using Lordship Riding Centre as a training venue (I telephone the club on the day I saw the Cambridge Evening News item asking for an indoor venue and spoke to John Beck's secretary). It has been fun to take my horse there (I use it as a training base) and to think that he is working on the same ground as my favourite football team! (By the way the horse is a palomino — yellow coloured!). Good luck to the team in the promotion battle ahead.

Yours sincerely, JANE BADCOCK.

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19.3.91

Dear Mr. Greenall,

On 23rd February in company with my son Matthew who is 12, I attended the Abbey Stadium to watch the match against Huddersfield Town. We are both season ticket holders at Barnsley F.C. and we try to see them at most away games. On the day in question, Barnsley were at Leicester and as we had visited Filbert Street last year we decided to drive to Cambridge as we are both interested in visiting different grounds. I would like to thank everyone involved in running Cambridge United for a very nice day out with the opportunity to watch football in a very pleasant atmosphere. We bought tickets for the stand and I was very impressed with every aspect of our day. As a result of our visit, Matthew has adopted the U's as his second favourite football club. This has resulted in us visiting Crewe a fortnight ago on the Friday evening after school and today I have telephoned Tranmere Rovers for two stand tickets for the Good Friday match. Matthew's favourite players are Andy Fensome and Dion Dublin and I wondered if it would be possible for me to send the programme of that match and whether you could arrange for these two players to sign the programme? I realise of course that you are very busy and I appreciate that this may not be possible. I have not informed Matthew of this letter and therefore he will not be disappointed if the request is not possible. Thanking you in anticipation of your reply.

Yours sincerely, H. M. FAIRWEATHER



# CLUB CHAT

Steve Greenall

First of all, and further to my notes in the Brentford programme, many apologies to Exeter City and in particular to T. A. J. HIBBERD, Exeter's sponsors.



When was the last time, if ever, we played three different goalkeepers in three consecutive games (not including John Taylor)! When, too, will someone tell Ceefax, Oracle and the Barclays League Bulletin production team that Dion Dublin has scored 21 goals (as at 26.3.91) not 19! Tell you what — I'll do it now!

(Two minutes later). While we're talking numbers, when Arsenal submitted their income and expenditure document to me, the crowd

was quoted as 42,973. I mention that because it was, to my reckoning the biggest crowd who'd ever watched a United game and I think it's worth putting the record straight, even if it was only thirteen more than originally quoted.

We recently had a very interesting letter from Dave Deacon, who lives in Hayle in Cornwall. He has a computer programme which projects League Tables based on past results, percentages of goals scored, etc. This projection to the end of the season has us in third place. I hope we can keep in touch with Dave as it will be interesting to see the table as it pans out for the rest of the season.

Enjoy today's game and make sure as many of you as possible get up to Grimsby — the third six pointer on the run.

STEVE

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**STATS FOR SEASON 1990/91**

# **STATS FOR SEASON 1990/91**

# RESERVE AND YOUTH 1990/91

STATS FOR SEASONS 1990/91

## South East Counties League Fixtures Season 1990-91

	Wendy Fair Capital League									
	Season 1990-91									
	(Wednesdays unless otherwise stated)									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	Goals
Aug. 25	Norwich City	H	2-4							
	Leyton Orient	H	3-1							
Sept. 1	Watford	A	0-3							
8	Maidstone Utd.	A	3-4							
15	(League Cup)	A	3-2							
17	(Southern Jnr. Floodlit Cup)	A	10							
22	Derby C. (FAY C.)	H	0-2							
29	Charlton	A	2-2							
Oct. 6	Q.P.R.	A	0-1							
13	West Ham Utd.	H	1-4							
20	Millwall	A	1-3							
27	Arsenal	H	4-4							
30	Ipswich Town	H	0-1							
Nov. 3	Gillingham	A	1-6							
7	Chesterfield	H	2-5							
S.J.F.C.	Colchester United	H	2-7							
10	Fulham	A	1-5							
17	Ipswich Town	H	2-1							
24	Millwall	H	2-3							
Dec. 1	Southend	A	4-4							
8	Tottenham (Lc)	A	1-4							
15	Portsmouth (Lc)	A	5-3							
1991	Norwich City	A	2-4							
Jan.	Charlton	A	0-2							
Feb. 2	Gillingham	A	1-3							
Mar.	Ipswich Town	A	1-5							
23	Fulham	A	1-0							
30	Southend	H	0-0							
Apr.	Tottenham	H								
13	Q.P.R.	H								
20	Portsmouth	H								
27	Watford	H								
May 11	Chelsea	A								
18	West Ham Utd.	A								
1. Southend Utd.		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D
2. Colchester Utd.		15	3	7	10	38	38	6	2	67
3. Brentford		17	8	5	4	36	28	7	7	32
4. Barnet		14	9	1	4	25	22	8	7	27
5. CAMBRIDGE UTD.		18	7	1	4	39	33	9	4	36
6. Leyton O.		15	9	5	3	32	28	10.	21	7
7. Slough Town		17	5	3	9	21	17	12.	7	31
8. Aldershot		13	4	5	19	21	15	13.	4	28
9. Sutton Utd.		16	4	3	9	28	44	15.	4	38
10. Walsall		15	3	3	9	24	33	12.	4	36
11. Wokingham T.		15	3	3	9	36	32	15.	4	36
12. Wycombe W.		16	2	5	9	18	30	11.	2	47

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## THIRD DIVISION TABLE

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals
	P	W	D	L
Southend	35	11	18	7
Grimsby	36	13	23	11
Bolton	36	10	5	4
Bury	37	11	4	3
Tranmere	36	10	5	3
Huddersfield	37	11	3	5
Bournemouth	36	11	5	2
Cambridge	31	8	4	2
Stoke	36	7	6	3
Birmingham	37	6	8	4
Reading	33	9	3	4
Bradford C.	34	9	2	7
Wigan	32	11	5	6
Leyton O.	33	12	1	4
Exeter	32	11	2	3
Preston	35	8	6	2
Chester	34	9	2	5
Swansea	33	6	5	7
Mansfield	35	4	6	8
Shrewsbury	33	4	6	8
Crowe	33	4	7	6
Fulham	35	6	5	6
Rotherham	34	4	8	6

## South East Counties League

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals
	P	W	D	L
1. West Ham Utd.	24	17	5	11
Tottenham Hotspur	23	16	4	11
Arsenal	22	16	4	10
Gillingham	23	13	5	5
Levion Orient	25	11	7	46
Millwall	23	12	4	7
7. Norwich C.	25	9	3	38
Charlton Ath.	24	8	7	2
Watford	21	7	5	47
Fulham	23	7	5	23
10. Q.P.R.	24	6	5	46
Chelsea	21	5	11	29
Portsmouth	23	4	7	39
13. Southampton	23	4	7	38
14. Southend Utd.	21	4	5	49
15. Cambridge Utd.	23	4	4	36
Ipswich Town	25	4	4	66

## Wendy Fair Capital League

	Up to and including 21/03/91				
	P	W	D	F	A
1. Southend Utd.	15	3	7	37	38
2. Colchester Utd.	17	8	5	4	36
3. Brentford	14	9	1	4	22
4. Barnet	18	7	1	4	33
5. CAMBRIDGE UTD.	15	9	5	32	28
6. Leyton O.	14	8	0	6	32
7. Slough Town	17	5	3	9	21
8. Aldershot	13	4	5	19	21
9. Sutton Utd.	16	4	3	9	28
10. Walsall	15	3	3	9	24
11. Wokingham T.	15	3	3	9	33
12. Wycombe W.	16	2	5	9	18

STATS FOR SEASONS 1990/91

# FACTS and FIGURES

## INEQUALITIES OF INCOME

by DAVID SOANES

It is not only in the capacity of the ground but also the cost of tickets that favours the large clubs. That is why, on the whole, the 'big' clubs are able to pay larger wages and transfer fees. I have set out below the Top Ten and the Bottom Ten in record receipt order. This is not of course a complete guide as almost all record receipts are for cup matches against Division One teams. However, it is a good indicator between the rich and the poor.

Sheffield Wednesday are at the top as they host the Semi-Finals of the Cup. They do however have a large ground with a high earning capacity. Aston Villa's record is also for the Cup Semi-Finals and the League figures were not available for me to compare. Tottenham, who have a smaller ground than most, are charging a higher cost of entry than most clubs, head the list with a record receipt ten times that of Crewe who are tenth from bottom. Not unexpectedly Halifax and Hartlepool prop up the bottom of the earnings League. Bristol Rovers are at present disadvantaged because they have to use the ground of Bath City.

Cambridge United, who would be 48th, had record receipts last season against Crystal Palace in the sixth round of the FA Cup. I have not adjusted for any records achieved during this season.

In the previous programme I set out the disparity in club gates both as between the current gates and those in the past. It also showed the advantage in capacity for those clubs against the teams in the lower Divisions. My percentages were of course showing the difference between the current capacity and the record in the past.

### TOP TEN

Club	Div.	Record Receipts
Sheffield Wednesday	2	398,134
Aston Villa	1	385,678
Tottenham Hotspur	1	245,632
Manchester City	1	239,476
Arsenal	1	233,595
Manchester United	1	232,174
Liverpool	1	227,351
Chelsea	1	212,894
Everton	1	207,780
Nottingham Forest	1	185,000

### BOTTOM TEN

Club	Div.	Record Receipts
Halifax Town	4	14,000
Hartlepool United	4	17,000
Scarborough	4	19,574
Torquay United	4	21,000
Doncaster Rovers	4	22,000
Bury	3	22,200
Aldershot	4	22,950
Bristol Rovers	2	23,275
Stockport County	4	23,515
Crewe Alexandra	4	24,556

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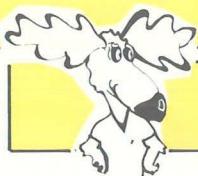
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## **END OF SEASON PARTY Incorporating our Player of the Season Award**

Party Invitations and your voting forms will be out to you shortly so please mark in your diary 12th May and keep the afternoon and the evening free, Paul and I would like to see all 286 members attend, the cost is likely to be in the region of £4 but the more that come the cheaper the cost, to include Disco, Buffet and an entertainer, also your opportunity to meet all the players. I am sure that if you ask him nicely, John Holmes would do his rendition of the Pub Singer which is always worth listening to.

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## **Grimsby Away Saturday, 6th April**

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There will be a Newsletter in the form of a Newspaper coming out by the end of the season and I am looking for articles, comments, criticisms for this season. Please send them to me at my home address or via the club. Contributions from the Chairman Mr. Reg Smart, John Beck, John Holmes as well as from Paul and myself. Friday is the last chance you have of getting your entry in for the competition to find out how many words can be made from 'CAMBRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB'. I have some but look forward to many more.

### BIRTHDAYS UP TILL 13th APRIL

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The Under 9s continued their unbeaten run this season with a fine victory over Fulbourn after going a goal down after five minutes. Star performances were given by Tony Beck, Nicholas Impey and Alex Revell. Next Under 9 fixture on April 13th against CAMBRIDGE CRUSADERS.

## **30th March FIVE-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT**

These notes were written before Easter Saturday's 5-a-side tournament but Alf and myself extend our thanks once again to Tony Collins of ELY TROPHY SHOP for his sponsorship of the trophies. Also many thanks to Christopher and Amanda Coopers' family for their generous donation of the refreshments for the day. Results of the tournament to appear in the next programme.

## **Coming Soon....**

We have been invited back to Arsenal F.C. in the school summer holidays to take on the Junior Gunners in their super indoor gym. This will also include lunch at Highbury and a tour of the Stadium.

It is intended that this trip will also include a tour of Wembley Stadium beforehand.

For further details and to book please ring Paul.

## **Congratulations**

All Junior U's will wish to join myself and Alf in congratulating CLARE WEST on her recent selection for the England Hockey Trial.

Well done Clare, and lots of luck in your trials.

PAUL ELLIOTT

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# Programmes of the Past Season by Season — Number Four

Abbey United v  
Stamford Town  
1950-51  
United Counties League  
Cup Area Final  
7th May, 1951

The League season had finished by the time the U's competed in the U.C.L.C. Area Final. They had finished a creditable fifth from eighteen. Abbey United were to change their name to Cambridge United in the summer, in preparation for the 51-2 season. This showed the ambitions of the Directors because it was hoped when the club became nationally known with the new name people would know where the club came from. I have decided to review Abbey United's last ever programme although two away matches were played on the 10th and 12th May. Abbey programmes varied for the 50-1 season. They were printed on orange or 'amber' paper and programmes for the early part of the season consisted of one long piece of paper folded over two times making six pages. Later programmes resumed to the more standard eight pages but were again folded in such a way as to avoid stapling (maybe a dramatic cost-cutting exercise of the time?) Well, just to complicate matters further Cup match programmes tended to consist of the one sheet double sided, folded in two making four pages.

This programme could not have been more basic. The front page as seen here, again omitted the date but I promise this programme is from the 50-1 season, I'm not making it up! The teams were listed on the centre pages surrounded by adverts. The back page was an advert for Swainland Signs Lettering. Who said programmes full of adverts were a

modern invention!

Now for the nitty gritty — the match ended 1-1, the U's goal coming from Stan Thurston. The match had to be replayed, U's running out 3-2 winners on 12th May. I don't know the attendance for the game but two interesting gates for matches this season were for the Kings Lynn FA Cup Matches. Kings Lynn drew 6,000 for the first Qualifying round in September and the U's attracted 4,256 for the replay a week later, not bad for a United Counties League team! The next programme I will be looking at (51-2 season) will be for the match versus Norwich City A in the Eastern Counties League.

PAUL SAWTELL

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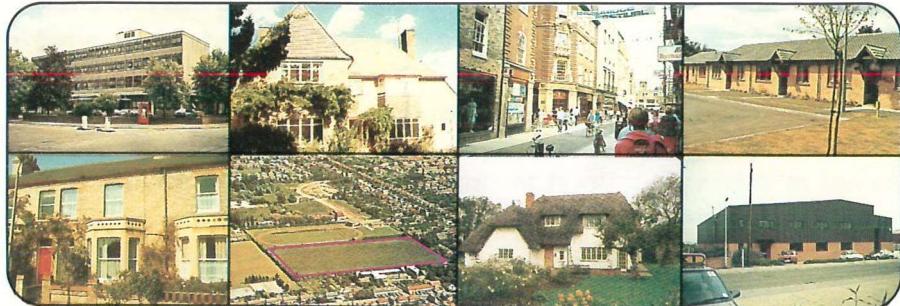
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# England and the World Cup

Can England really be serious about playing host to the final stages of the 1998 World Cup?

The ambition of the F.A. cannot be faulted and I am sure we would all like to see England hosting the tournament once again. The major stumbling block is the sub-standard, antiquated stadia available. Most recently our lack of suitable big match stadia was highlighted by the F.A.'s decision to play the F.A. Cup semi-final between Spurs and Arsenal at Wembley because no other ground in the South of England was large enough.

The Taylor Report dictates all-seater stadia and that is also a FIFA stipulation, however, the loss of capacity due to installing seats means that most of our top grounds would fall below the 40,000 minimum required to hold World Cup matches.

1998 is only seven years away and without massive private or government cash injection (as in Italy), we have no hope of building the type of stadia required at this highest level in time, in fact we would do well to get planning permission within this time!

Football has already been given a boost by the Government cutting the Pools Companies levy, with the proviso that the money pays for ground improvements, and it seems likely that there will be a levy on transfer fees used for the same purpose. However, it is brand new stadia that we require not a make do and mend of out-dated pre-war stadia, and most of our biggest grounds are situated in inner city areas and are therefore not suitable for significant redevelopment.

Perhaps the F.A. could consider using gate receipts from the big matches played at Wembley to help finance a modern larger capacity arena/s outside the capital. This would not only increase our standing as a sporting nation abroad, and therefore enhance our chances of hosting major world events, but give us an option for neutral grounds required for semi-final ties.

The magic of Wembley is already being eroded with the stream of football matches being held there, finals of lesser competitions and now even the F.A. Cup Semi-final!

Maybe a more realistic approach would be a joint British Isles bid to become World Cup hosts with Ibrox, Cardiff Arms Park and Lansdowne Road as venues (after redevelopment) although that would only increase the pressure for the Home Countries to amalgamate and form only one national side — a horrifying thought for us all.

CLIVE DAWSON

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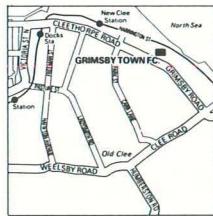
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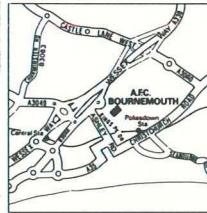
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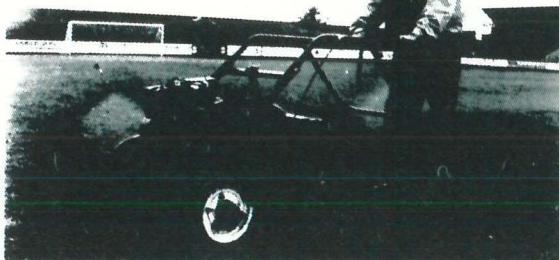


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